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Dear

FOI/0825/1395

Your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, received on the 14th August 2025. We can now confirm that the Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent Integrated Care Board can provide the following information.

An anonymised copy of this response will be made publicly available on the ICB website. Please note the ICBs responses in blue.

I am writing under the Freedom of Information Act regarding an article by Bothwell et al., first published in Arch Dis Child (10.1136/archdischild-2024-328109, 11 March 2024, link).

Between 2009 and 2024, have any children presented to your centre—or any NHS centre across the UK and Ireland—allegedly suffering from glycerol intoxication?

Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent ICB do not hold this level of information.

The article references “tertiary metabolic services” and “paediatricians” on page 2, suggesting that all 21 children were initially examined in emergency departments and subsequently in metabolic/paediatric clinics. Could you confirm this?

Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent ICB do not hold this level of information.

If this information cannot be confirmed, could you clarify how Professor Ellen Crushell obtained data on acute presentations where “slush iced drink-related hypoglycaemia” was diagnosed (i.e., from emergency departments, metabolic/paediatric clinics, or both)?

Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent ICB is unable to confirm how Professor Ellen Crushell obtained her information. It is suggested that you contact the acute Trusts directly to ascertain whether they hold this information.

For Staffordshire & Stoke-on-Trent ICB this is the University Hospital of North Midlands NHS Trust (UJNM); foi@uhnms.nhs.uk.

Should you require any further information or clarification regarding this response please do not hesitate to contact us. If you are dissatisfied with the response, you are entitled to request an internal review which should be formally requested in writing and must be within two calendar months from the date this response was issued.

To request an internal review

You can request an internal review by contacting the Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent ICB FOI team by emailing; staffsstokeFOI@staffsstoke.icb.nhs.uk or by post to the address at the top of this letter within 40 working days of the initial response.

If you are not content with the outcome of your internal review, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) for a decision. Generally, the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent Integrated Care Board's FOI complaints procedure.

The ICO can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office
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Yours sincerely

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